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ORDERS AUSTERITY IN CENTRAL CHINA -- Jan-min Jih-pao, 7 Aug 49

Han-k'ou, 5 August -- The Central China Bureau of the CCP Central Committee has issued a directive concerning the austerity program to overcome financial difficulties. The substance of the directive is as follows:

During this year of revolutionary success, there have been favorable conditions, but also many difficulties, chiefly financial. The causes of financial stress include the defeats of the old economy as well as the natural calamities which have occurred in 1949. Methods to meet the present stringent conditions include:

1. A simplified system. The general principle is reduction at one place to supplement another, and promotion of toil and efficiency so that one man does the work of two.
2. Economy of expenditure, on a tightened budget. Go slow on paying out; be content with reduced standards; scrutinize all expenditures; limit the use of vehicles, water, and light; cut down on entertaining, and reduce waste. As conditions permit, raise hogs and vegetables, open up land, catch fish, start cooperatives, and discourage speculation.
3. Make an inventory of all property. Make needed adjustments and deposit gold bars and silver dollars in the bank at the specified exchange rates.
4. In schools and businesses which are taken over, rectify sinecures and unreasonable salaries permitted by the KMT, reorganize on a just basis, appeal to all to work hard, lower costs, and increase production.

Emphasize the importance of this austerity program as a party policy to meet present conditions. In furthering this aspect of our great social and economic reforms, begin with the villages. We must preserve our spartan traditions in a time of relaxation, as an example of others. All our manpower and material resources must be conserved for the most effective use.

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Finally, the frugality effort is a long-term policy. After immediate objectives are attained, there remains the need of accumulating capital for economic reconstruction. We must organize our most responsible comrades in every community to maintain austerity as a permanent habit and system.

BUREAU WARNS AGAINST GRAFT, WASTE -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 3 Aug 49

The Northeast Post and Telegraph Control Bureau has issued a stringent directive against graft and waste. Incomplete statistics from the main and Shen-yang (Mukden) offices show ten corrections involving more than 38 million yuan between April and July 1949. Kuan, main office purchasing agent, falsified accounts to the extent of 7 million yuan. Cheng Hsi-te tricked the government out of one million yuan. Storekeeper Wu stole goods worth nearly 2 million, and Tsang Shin-pu, dispatch clerk at Kai-yuan, was guilty of graft 14 times, totaling 1,290,000 yuan. These four men have been handed to the courts for punishment. Eight offices cheated on supply accounts, resulting in a loss of 91 million yuan. Tsai Ying-nan, deputy postmaster at T'u-men, a veteran with a good record, wasted 10 million yuan.

Other examples of wasted public property are startling. Lax discipline, carelessness, and reprehensible officialism should motivate a mobilization against treason, fire, graft, waste, and such malefactions, and bring offenders to justice. The main office has issued successive directives against these abuses.

CHINESE CADRES LEAVE RR OPERATION TO SOVIETS -- Jen-min Jih-pao, 11 Aug 49

With a view to reducing waste, the party committee of the Chinese Chang-chun -- Ta-lien Railroad has instituted a production and economy contest, after having made a survey of existing defects.

The committee asserted that in railroad management bureaucratic attitudes, inefficient operational techniques, and wasteful habits must be discouraged. The committee found that since the cadres are not skilled in railroad work, and their sense of responsibility is slight, they leave the operation of the railroads to their Soviet comrades. This has resulted in a great loss of national wealth.

In the Ta-lien Railroad Hospital quantities of gauze are wasted, the nurses taking it for use in their homes. Some nurses even transform uniforms into garments for private use. Drugs are subject to graft, and in the dining rooms there is a loss of 5,000 yuan daily. In July ten containers of photographic chemicals disappeared without a trace. Supplies are wasted, and over-requisition is a common practice. These evils should be corrected.

The committee asks specifically that each section (shop, signaling, etc.), perform and exceed its assignment for the second half of the year, earnestly seeking to improve quality and lower costs. In management, methods should be found for shortening periods of work. Economy and the proper use of supplies is necessary, with not a steel plate or screw being wasted. In operation, safety first, with greater efficiency in transport, and a united effort to prevent accidents must be instituted. The party committee and labor unions will stress these objectives for 3 months, as a tribute to the October Revolution.

The committee is also taking measures for better protection against fire where dilapidated equipment and lack of obedience to the no-smoking rule increase the hazards.

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PROMOTES ECONOMY DRIVE IN RR SHOPS -- Jen-min Jih-pao, 15 Aug 49

After a careful survey of conditions, a concerted effort to eliminate waste is being conducted on the Northeast railroads. Studies, with suggestions for better practice, have been made under the following heads: structural materials, oils, electric power, fuels, and effective utilization of manpower. Statistics show tremendous losses due to carelessness and lack of scientific coordination.

The railroads' party committee suggests the following guiding principles:

1. Utmost possible parsimony in the use of all materials and power.
2. Continuous efforts to exceed assigned quotas, raise quality, and lower costs.
3. Make useful suggestions to heighten efficiency.
4. Offer technical inventions to the same end.
5. Endeavor to learn skills, politics, operational duties, and culture.
6. Teach apprentices both skills and politics.
7. No absenteeism, leaving of post during hours, or failure to begin and leave on time.

The drive will last 3 months. At the close, banners will be presented as rewards to the most efficient.

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